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SHORTAGE OF GYNAECOLOGISTS IN RURAL PHCS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of lady doctors, particularly gynaecologists in the Primary Health Centres and hospitals located in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to appoint/post lady doctors in the rural areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. As against the requirement of a total of 4045 Obstetricians and Gynecologists at Community Health Centres, only 1357 are position.The facility of Obstetricians and Gynecologists is available at CHCs. Primary Health Centres (PHCs) are manned by a Medical Officer. As against the requirement of 22370 doctors at PHCs, 22608 doctors are in position. A total of 3417 PHCs are functioning with lady doctors.There is no provision of specialists for PHC.

(c) The appointments are being made by the respective State/UT Governments.Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), funds are released to Statets/UTs Governments for upgradation and strengthening of Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres including contractual appointment of staff.The State/UT Governments are however required to incorporate their requirement in their annual NRHM Programme Implementation Plans.